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Local Brevities.

Home-made sauerkraut, 5c per lb. Astoria Grocery Co.

Special inducements offered in dress and walking skirts this week at Foard & Stokes Co.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will hold a joint installation of officers tonight at their hall.

Special inducements offered in cook stoves and air-tight heaters this week at Foard & Stokes Co.

Chas. Heilborn has received a number of poems from those competing for the Monarch range to be given as a prize.

Our large stock of Reliable Footwear will be sold this month at a great reduction. Don't miss it. Wherity, Ralston & Co.

Great reduction in dry goods and clothing will be made during the month of January at our annual sale, now going on. C. H. Cooper.

City Auditor Anderson is still confined to his home with an attack of grippe. Surveyor Tee is officiating as auditor during Mr. Anderson's sickness.

Our annual sale commences on Tuesday, January 14; every article in the store reduced—with a few exceptions. C. H. Cooper.

The report that a meeting of the citizens of the west end, a mob would throw the two saloons in the river unless closed up, is indignantly denied by the people of Uniontown. They are a law-abiding people and have confidence that the proper officials will see that the law is enforced. They are opposed to being called a mob.

Our large stock of fine dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods and all will be placed on reduced sale prices during the next 30 days. C. H. Cooper, the leading house of Astoria.

Every small boy is coasting in the frost-laden sidewalks the last few mornings. There are many absences from school, and the drug stores are making their winter clean-up on arnica.

There is a large amount of baggage and packages accumulated at the A. & C. railroad depot for which the owners have failed to call. All of the property will be sold at auction the latter part of the month.

A number of fishermen are out on the river and report fairly good catches. The January run of steelheads are coming in the river and are reported to be of fine quality. The price paid is from 3 to 5 cents.

Work on the new schoolhouse on the Lewis and Clark in school district No. 17 will be commenced in a few days. The lumber and material are on the ground and it will be completed in time for the next term of school.

Messrs. Jack Johnson, Frank Cook, Bob McLain and Lem Howse left on the boat yesterday morning for Woody Island after snipe. They took along a refrigerator boat for the birds. It was seen coming down the river about dusk heavily loaded.

L. E. Rolfe of Skamokawa, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Marie Saylor, who was drowned in that place, was in the city to investigate rumors that she had been seen in Astoria. People who have no knowledge of any event or person busy themselves by circulating imaginary rumors that are often annoying. If people would only tell what they know, it would save a lot of trouble in this world.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

It is reported that Mrs. E. Glaser will build an addition to the Bay View hotel in order to accommodate the fast increasing business. The Bay View, under the management of Mrs. Glaser, is becoming a popular stopping place.

The Oregon state board of pilot commissioners held their regular monthly meeting yesterday. Licenses were renewed for Pilots Erick Johnson and A. A. Cann and the river branch held by Captain E. Sullivan. No other business was transacted.

Dr. O. B. Estes has a fine collection of surgical instruments and all late inventions and yesterday added a Heinze X-ray machine, which was installed by M. Rissell of Portland. It is the finest one made and took first prize at the St. Louis fair.

At the installation of officers of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Cleveland was presented with a past matron's pen, emblematic of the order. The presentation was made by G. W. Lounsbury. Mrs. Cleveland, although surprised, responded appropriately and feelingly.

George Effler, the Warrenton man arrested for insanity, is still in the county jail in a badly demented state, though he knows where he is. He will be held for a few days before examination in the hope that he may recover and so escape incarceration in the asylum.

L. D. Jones was arraigned in the justice court yesterday morning on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses at Seaside and waived examination. He was bound over to the circuit court with bonds fixed at \$300. Not being able to furnish bonds he was committed to jail.

Mrs. Thomas Peterson now has the contract for feeding the prisoners at the county jail, and they are rejoicing greatly thereat. Mrs. Peterson secured the contract at a higher rate than was given the restaurants, and there is some danger the prisoners may try to break in again after they are released.

Among the new defenses suggested for Pacific coast ports is a wireless telegraph system. Major Langitt and Captain Heltner of the lighthouse service have been instructed by the navy department to make an investigation and report at the earliest practical moment. The service will be put in operation at Cape Disappointment, connecting with prominent points and lighthouse boats at the mouth of the Columbia.

The action of the common council in ordering the sign boards removed meets with unanimous approval of the public. It is probable that Councilman Belland will introduce an ordinance at the meeting of the council next Monday night declaring them all a nuisance and providing for their removal. They are not allowed in any other city and the general opinion prevails that they should be removed in Astoria.

Councilman L. Lebak was suddenly stricken with an attack of paralysis yesterday morning while superintending some work. He had a light attack once before and realizing that it was coming on, he sat down. Dr. Finch was called and he was conveyed to his home in West Astoria. Later Dr. O. B. Estes was called, he being the family physician. Dr. Estes reports that the attack is a light one and a message received from Mr. Lebak's home last evening stated that he was getting along nicely and there was no doubt of his recovery.

A BIG RUSH.

A large number of Bargain hunters have already crowded Herman Wise's Clothing Store; fortunately Mr. Wise's stock of fine overcoats and suits for Men and Boys is so large that a great many more smart buyers can get suited without trouble; this is certainly the greatest sale of fine goods in Oregon. Don't wait too long and be sorry later. NOW is the time to get special Bargains at Herman Wise's big Clothing shop. WISE knows how.

\$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905.

CHARLES HEILBORN & SON

Complete House Furnishers 590-592 Commercial St.

NEW COURT HOUSE

Work to Be Resumed As Soon As Legislature Passes New Law.

CONTRACTORS ARE SATISFIED

Banks Will Cash Warrants as Soon as the Legislature Passes Law Empowering the County Court to Levy a Special Tax.

County Judge Trenchard left for Salem last night, where he goes to secure speedy action on the bill to be introduced giving the county court authority to levy a special tax of 5 mills running through a series of years to build a court house. An effort will be made to have the bill passed this week. It being a local bill the legislature usually passes them through both houses in one day under suspension of the rules.

The contractors had a consultation with the county court and agreed to commence work as soon as the bill becomes a law. It is understood that the banks will take the warrants as heretofore and when the work is again commenced it will be rushed through as fast as possible and effort is being made to complete the building within the time mentioned in the contract. As soon as the law is signed by the governor, a meeting of the county court will be held and the tax levied. A fund will be created known as the "court house fund," upon which all warrants will be drawn. The warrants will draw 6 per cent interest and are considered a good investment.

Funeral Next Week.

A typographical error in Sunday morning's Astorian made the heading of Herman Wise's reader read "A Big Rush," when it should have read "A Big Rush." Everyone who knows Herman Wise and his manner of doing business knows that when he starts in a sale, it means a big rush, and the present sale is no exception to the rule. It required the efforts of every clerk in the store to attend to the customers, but everyone was waited on promptly, and were more than pleased with the bargains they secured. These sales are conducted on strictly business principles, and deceit is not practiced or allowed. When Mr. Wise advertises anything he does just as he advertises and lives up to the very letter of inducements offered. He is not in business for a day or a month, but has been in business for 25 years and expects to be in business for 25 years longer. Wise ought to be rich, and he would be were it not for the fact that he divides his profits among his customers and the people of Astoria and Clatsop county in contributing liberally to all public enterprises. He has contributed more money to build up Astoria and its industries than all the other merchants combined, and this is no "ruse." It is a fact, which everyone in Astoria well knows. Wise is here for business and he is doing it and will continue to do it. You can't keep a good man down. The funeral of the man who made the mistake will occur next week.

WARRENTON NEWS.

Miss Bertha Hobson has been visiting the Misses Dawson for the past week. She returned to Astoria on Monday.

Dr. Van Poole of Ft. Stevens was calling professionally in Warrenton Tuesday.

Hiram Gray has moved to Flavel. He will not rebuild on his property in Warrenton.

Both mills are running at present. The Warrenton Shingle Company shut down for a few days on account of delay in getting a raft of logs.

J. W. Townsend has been confined to the house for a week with grip. He is improving and will be at his place in the store in a few days.

Jake Kahn was in Warrenton Monday buying hides, etc., at the slaughter house.

The Misses Hallgrimson were shopping in Astoria Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Munson made a trip to the city Monday.

THIRD ANNUAL January Clearance Sale

GREAT BARGAINS IN WAISTS

Our entire waist stock to go at one-half price.

1.00 Waists	.....50
1.50 Waists	.....75
2.00 Waists	.....1.25
2.50 Waists	.....1.75
3.00 Waists	.....2.00

BOYS' CLOTHING

Great selling of boys' winter clothing. Prices reduced lower than ever.

\$4.00 Suits	.....\$4.00
5.00 Suits	.....3.50
4.00 Suits	.....2.50
3.00 Suits	.....1.95
2.50 Suits	.....1.48

GREAT BARGAINS IN SUITS AND COATS

Unrestricted choice of our entire line of ladies' Coats and Suits at prices never before heard of in the history of cloak and

suit selling in Astoria.

\$15.00 Suits at	.....\$ 8.00
17.50 Suits at	..... 9.50
20.00 Suits at	..... 11.50
25.00 Suits at	..... 14.48
30.00 Suits at	..... 17.50

CHILDREN'S COATS

One-half Price on all Misses and Children's Coats. We are determined to carry nothing over. So come early and get the cream of the coat stock at one-half price.

\$10.00 Coats	.....\$5.00
9.00 Coat	..... 4.50
8.00 Coat	..... 4.00
7.00 Coat	..... 3.50
6.00 Coat	..... 3.00
5.00 Coat	..... 2.50

FINE LACES

This lot comprises an assortment of laces from 3 to 6 inches wide that always retail at 10c to 15c and 20c a yard, your choice of the lot and as many yards as you want50 yard

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ON BOOKS AND PICTURES



THIS WEEK

SVENSEN'S BOOK STORE

Special Offer! White Maple Bed Room Suits

\$17.50

These Bed Room Suits are all well made, have French Plate Mirrors and are a bargain for the price.

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For Fine Furniture.

Come and See!

It will be worth your while to call and examine our stock. We will sell all our

High Grade Footwear 10 per cent Discount
And Broken Lots at 25 per Cent.

Wherity, Ralston & Company
Money Savers in Footwear.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

offered in Cooking Stoves and Air-tight Heaters.

Let us send you a Bonetia Sewing Machine on trial. Your credit is good. Price, \$30.00; \$5.00 down, \$1.00 a week.

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